

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2000

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, November 17, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Yvonne Brown, Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Veldore Heidelberg, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Jimmy Murphy, George Walker, and Lawrence Warren.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry L. Day, Sandra Lucas, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton White.

**Guests in attendance:** Terry Thomas representing the Mississippi State Department of Education, and James Robertson representing Wise, Carter, Child, and Caraway.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Yvonne Brown gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes of October 19 and 20, 2000, Board Meetings**

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Jimmy Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 19 and 20, 2000, meetings.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Lawrence Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray reported on the recent MACJC Regional Legislative Meetings. He thanked all the Board members who attended their local meetings for their support. The meetings highlight items included in the MACJC Legislative Platform Package that will be presented during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Dr. Ray reported on a workgroup that is working with a diverse group to develop a more customer driven delivery system for workforce training programs in Mississippi. The group is exploring the possibility of focusing training services to address needs identified within specific job clusters.

Dr. Ray announced that there would be legislation forthcoming for the creation of a Universities Center on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Center conceptually would involve multi-university and community college involvement.

Dr. Ray reported that the State Auditor's Office had completed a 100% audit of the SBCJC's \$2,472,728.95 fixed asset equipment. Dr. Ray commended Sandra Lucas, who serves as property officer, on the audit results.

Dr. Ray reported on a workshop recently held in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Labor. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss Comp Time issues in light of the problems that public schools are facing regarding overtime. Deborah Gilbert, SBCJC Associate Executive Director for Finance, was instrumental in planning the workshop.

Dr. Ray reported on meetings with Legislators and others on a Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Project for Mississippi's Department of Corrections. The project is two-pronged and explores avenues for early release programs that would involve non-violent offenders, as well as activities to discourage/prevent children and youth from criminal acts.

## **REPORTS/ACTION**

### **EdNet Report**

Yvonne Brown reported that the EdNet Board has not had a regular meeting since the last SBCJC meeting; but one is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2000. She reported that the search for a new President for EdNet has been narrowed to four candidates, John Jones, Lynn Renjiak, Paul Turner, and Martin Mangold. At the November 20, 2000, meeting, Al Lind, Interim President, will recommend a candidate to the EdNet Board for approval. The new president is expected to come on board in early January 2001.

Dr. Evelyn Webb and Al Lind, attended a reception in Memphis, Tennessee on November 15, 2000, where WorldCom Broadband Solutions launched its national "rollout" of new fixed – wireless commercial high-speed Internet services to small and medium size business in Memphis. Memphis is the first of approximately 30 markets in the United States to be introduced to WorldCom's model broadband strategy. Mrs. Brown distributed a copy of an article on the "rollout" (Exhibit A).

### **Finance Report**

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2000, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4100 in the total amount of \$2,506,722 (Exhibit B).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to purchase equipment to upgrade obsolete Sun Servers for the community college wide area network from Venture Technologies in the amount of \$31,409.64 (Exhibit C).

Mrs. Fox also presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit D), for the Board's information. No action was required.

### Program Report

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of the SBCJC Standard for Non-duplication of Upper-Level Program Procedures (Exhibit E) for processing under the Administrative Procedures Act.

### Workforce Education

George Walker announced that Best Practices Awards were presented to the Grand Casino in Tunica, and to Coahoma Community College during the November, 2000, State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting.

The SWDC and local Workforce Councils feel that there is a great need for trained and skilled workers in the State and see this need as an impediment to economic development and expansion of existing industries. Mr. Walker reported that talks with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in connection with the celebration of National Apprenticeship Month, have resulted in meetings with individual colleges to research ways to better provide for the shortage of trained workers. A report was prepared outlining the highest level of technology in each community college district. This information will allow employers to see where training is offered that would meet their individual needs.

Mr. Walker conveyed the feeling of the SWDC, that the employers of Mississippi are not totally involved in the economic development plans of the State. The SWDC previously voted to direct Mr. Walker, as Co-Chairman of the SWDC, to prepare a letter to J. C. Burns, to ask for a meeting to discuss plans and priorities for existing Mississippi industries. Mr. Walker prepared and forwarded the letter but has not received a response.

### Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration

Danny Seal reported to the Board on agenda items discussed during the October 19, 2000, Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) meeting (Exhibit F). Dr. Ross Story was re-elected as Chairman of the CPSCR.

Mr. Seal reported that there are currently 37 schools at 91 locations under the CPSCR jurisdiction. The next meeting is set for 1:00 p.m. on December 14, 2000.

### Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Sara Fox, seconded by Lawrence Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

Henry Hudspeth for attending an MACJC Regional Legislative meeting in Meridian on November 7, 2000.

Brenda Collins for attending an MACJC Regional Legislative meeting at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus on November 8, 2000.

Yvonne Brown for attending an EdNet Board meeting in Jackson, on November 20, 2000.

George Walker for attending a State Workforce Development Council meeting on December 13, 2000.

\*The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.

\*\*The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

### MACJC Report

Dr. Starkey Morgan reported on the following items discussed during the November, 2000, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges:

Governor Ronnie Musgrove invited the presidents to meet with him at 3:00 p.m. on October 24, and announced that community and junior colleges would be, at this time, exempt from the 5% reserve budget cut.

Dr. Ned Lovell distributed a draft copy of Mid-South Development Corporation's (MDC) report, The State of the South 2000, and discussed the highlights of the report with the Association. The Association voted unanimously to endorse and participate as a co-sponsor with MDC in providing three conferences to discuss the implications and impact on Mississippi of the changing global economy.

Dr. Walter Moore, Senior Policy Analyst At-Large for SERVE, presented a policy brief entitled Community Colleges and K-12 Teacher Preparation. The publication was developed to help present to key legislators the important role Mississippi's community and junior colleges play in K-12 teacher preparation. Dr. Morgan appointed a committee of MACJC presidents to assure that community and junior colleges continue to have a role in teacher preparation education.

Dr. Stonecypher gave a brief update on the IHL-USM Gulf Park Lawsuit. Mrs. Becky Cade distributed copies of a financial report of the Mississippi Community College Public Foundation, Inc. Dr. Stonecypher reviewed a time-line of deadline dates regarding the Mississippi Supreme Court Interlocutory appeal.

Mr. Ray Smith gave the Association an update on issues and problems experienced recently with regard to the Community College Network (CCN). The Association voted unanimously to examine the Rural Health Corp funds to determine if \$350,000 could be budgeted to purchase additional equipment for the CCN.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert distributed a copy of cuts for H. B. 400 funding for FY 2001, approved by the SBCJC at their October 20, 2000, meeting.

Mrs. Becky Cade announced that the Creating Futures Through Technology Conference is set for February 19 and 20, 2001, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Dr. Evelyn Webb announced that the schedule for Fall 2000 enrollment audits would begin on November 1, and end on December 8, 2000.

Dr. Morgan commended Dr. Clyde Muse's grandson, Prentiss Cole, a student at Mississippi State University who is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading punter in the nation.

Dr. Morgan appointed individuals to serve on the MACJC Virtual Community College Committee. Dr. Morgan also appointed an MACJC committee to work with Mr. Bill Crawford on the Rural Community College Initiative.

Deborah Gilbert distributed copies of a memo previously mailed to the presidents related to 5% General Fund cuts. The Association voted to approve using option A of the report to affect the mandated 5% General Fund budget cut for FY 2001.

Dr. Scott Elliott gave an update on the MACJC History of Community Colleges 1972-2000. The estimated cost per college for the project is \$2,800, and covers the editor's fee and printing cost.

Dr. Muse gave the MACJC Legislative Committee Report. Dr. Muse provided copies of a publication Community Colleges, Mississippi's Advantage in the New Economy to each president. He also provided each president copies of the MACJC Legislative Recommendations for the 2001 Legislative Session. Additional "push cards" are being developed to highlight the following MACJC platform issues: 1) Mid-Point, 2) the FTE Funding and Formula Change, 3) Workforce and Advanced Skills Training, and 4) Educational Technology and Adequate Funding.

Joanna Heidel commended Dr. Morgan, who was recognized as the Outstanding Educational Alumni from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Morgan was also recently recognized with an award from Mississippi State University. The Board gave Dr. Morgan a round of applause for his hard work and accomplishments.

Dr. Randall Bradberry reported on the itinerary for the December meeting that will be held at the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wesson Campus.

Dr. Bradberry gave a brief report on athletic activities of the MACJC. Hinds Community College won the State Soccer Championship in both the Men and Women's Division. Hinds played Pearl River Community College in the Women's Division and Itawamba Community College in the Men's Division Finals. Also, Hinds Community College will play Southwest Mississippi Community College on Saturday, November 18, 2000, for the State Football Championship. Dr. Bradberry also announced that the MACJC basketball competitions are in full swing. Beginning this year MACJC basketball teams will play inter-division games.

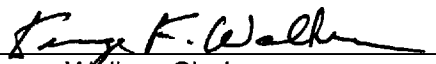
In response to a question by SBCJC member, Henry Hudspeth, Dr. Morgan stated that he is going to appoint a committee to examine issues related to out-of-state athletic scholarships, and that the committee would begin work on the matter after the first of the year.

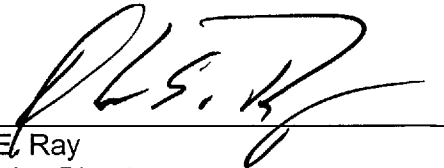
Status Report on Lawsuit

James Robertson gave an update on the IHL-USM Gulf Park Campus Lawsuit. Mr. Robertson stated that a detailed report was previously mailed to each Board member and asked if there were any questions pertaining to the report. He stated that the timeline for action related to the interlocutory appeal outlined in the report seemed to be on target.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by John Junkin, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

  
George Walker, Chairman

  
Olon E. Ray  
Executive Director